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JAYCEE TOURNAMENT . . . Mike Graziano, chairman of a junior bowling tournament to be sponsored by the Torrance Jaycees, watches as Wim McSpadden (left), 14, and Mike Sheaffer, 10, practice for the forthcoming tournament. The event, to be sponsored annually by the Jaycees, will be held Saturday, March 15, at the Gable House Bowling Center. Graziano said three divisions will be established for boys and girls between 8 and 12, 13 and 15, and 16 to 19. Local winners will participate in a statewide tournament to be held in April in Simi Valley. (Press-Herald Photo)

Councilman Calls for New War on Narcotics

\$2.3 Million in Building Permits Issued by City

Building permits valued at slightly more than \$2.3 million were issued by the city during February, according to a report just issued by John J. McKinnon, superintendent of building and safety.

The February permits brought to \$5,886,925 the value of all new construction begun in the city since Jan. 1.

Actual valuation of the February permits was \$2,341,365. A total of 92 new dwelling units will be built here as a result of construction activity during the month. They include one single-family home and two apartment

complexes with a total of 91 units.

Permits for the two apartment units — one to be located at 3107 Newton St. with 76 units and one with 15 units to be located at 2860 W. 235th St.—accounted for more than half the February totals.

Only other major permits issued during the month included one valued at \$425,000 for a warehouse and offices at 2645 Maricopa St. and one valued at \$220,000 for a warehouse and manufacturing building at 2925 Columbia St.

Some \$2.1 million in new construction was started during February, 1968. Total for the first two months of 1968 was nearly \$6.2 million.



DR. RICHARD GUENGERICH

Educator Honored by Lions Club

Dr. Richard Guengerich, assistant superintendent of secondary education for the Torrance Unified School District, has been named citizen of the year by the North Torrance Lions Club.

In honor of his selection, Dr. Guengerich was presented with a portrait by artist Bub Thomas at a dinner meeting of the organization.

Dr. Guengerich has been employed by Torrance schools for the past nine and one-half years. He served as principal of North High School from the time he came to the district until his appointment as assistant superintendent last fall.

PRIOR to coming to Torrance, he served with the San Diego County Department of Education for four years. He also taught at Lompoc Union High School and was director of guidance and child welfare and attendance in Lompoc for four years. In addition, he served as extension instructor at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria.

A native of Wayland, Iowa, Dr. Guengerich is a graduate of Manual Arts High School, Los Angeles, and Pepperdine College. (See EDUCATOR, Page A-2)

Cooperation of Parents, School Needed in Plan

"Prevention" should be the key word in regard to the narcotic problem, according to City Councilman Ross Sciarrotta.

In a presentation before the council Tuesday, Sciarrotta said that stricter enforcement of narcotic laws is only a partial answer to saving young people from a lifetime of addiction.

"The real answer lies in instituting preventive measures," Sciarrotta said. "We should not wait for our youngsters to become addicts before we act."

- Wears sunglasses at inappropriate times;
- Wears only long-sleeved shirts to hide needle marks;
- Burns incense in his room or bathroom;
- Need for money increases, may borrow or steal;
- Acquires new friends who also exhibit these symptoms.

Three in Jail After Gun Fight

Three men were booked on suspicion of attempted murder late Wednesday after a shoot-out in Lomita in which two persons were wounded.

Taken into custody by deputies from the Lennox Sheriff's Station were John D. Garcia, 25, Gary Silva Garcia, 22, and Denny Dockery, 25, all of 25122 Oak St., Lomita.

Deputies said the incident occurred about 11:20 p.m. Wednesday when the three suspects appeared at the rear door of the home of Daniel H. LeDoux at 25127 Oak St.

LeDOUX told investigating officers one of the men broke a window in the door and fired four shots at him. LeDoux was hit twice before his brother, Paul, 22, grabbed a revolver and began firing back.

John Garcia was hit in the exchange of gunfire.

Officers arrived at the scene in response to a call from Daniel LeDoux's wife.

LeDOUX was taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment of gunshot wounds in his arm and knee. John Garcia was taken to the prison ward at Los Angeles County General Hospital and Gary Garcia and Dockery (See SHOOT-OUT, Page A-2)

Torrance Man Gets Huge Welcome in Cleveland

What began as a simple evening visit to a television studio for a 32-year-old Torrance man has suddenly become a great vacation.

And Larry Grange, of 20335 Tomlee Ave., is enjoying every minute of it.

Grange, who became a contestant on the Truth of Consequences show when he visited the studio one evening not long ago, is now winging his way to Mexico City.

Mission? To find a double for actress Sophia Loren.

GRANGE is in the second week of a four-week stunt which involved three other contestants. (One of the contestants was eliminated this past week.)

It began when Grange and three other contestants were called on stage and told they would be traveling for a few weeks. Each of the four was sent to an American city with the assignment to get as much personal publicity as possible.

Grange drew Cleveland, Ohio. He attacked the problem by

deciding to become a good will ambassador from Torrance. And it paid off.

DURING four days in Cleveland last week, he had his name on every theatre marquee in town; met with the mayor and other top officials; became an honorary police chief; and had his picture taken more than 200 times — with many of them being published in Cleveland newspapers.

Highlight of his visit, however, was being made an honorary member of the Musicians' union. Only one other man — comedian Bob Hope — has had that honor bestowed on him.

Grange, an engineer employed at TRW Systems Group in Redondo Beach, also has had two job offers — public relations firms want him to serve as their own goodwill ambassador — and won the first round of the contest "hands down."

HE ALSO came home loaded down with mementos of his four-day visit to Cleveland, including baseball bats autographed by

members of the Cleveland Indians; a portrait by a prominent Cleveland artist; clothes made by Cleveland-based firms for his family; and many pleasant memories of "a fantastic welcome."

One of the four original contestants will be eliminated each week and the winner will get a new automobile.

While Grange is searching for a double for Sophia Loren, a second contestant must find a double for Doris Day in Canada. The third contestant was sent to Hawaii to search for a double for actress Anne-Margaret.

Next week, two of the three contestants will be sent to Europe.

But, whether he wins or not isn't important to Grange right now. He's having a ball.

Legal Aide Undergoes Transplant Operation

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer was due to undergo chest surgery today at Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles. He is expected to be away from his desk three to four weeks.

Surgeons planned to "reconstruct" Remelmeyer's chest area because of a malformation of his rib cage. The condition had been causing pressure on his heart, lungs, and other organs.

The recently perfected surgery involves detaching Remelmeyer's ribs and replacing them in an expanded position. He will be required to wear a chest protector for some time after the operation.

In Remelmeyer's absence, Deputy City Attorney Patrick Smith will act in his stead.

Patient Eats Solid Food

It has been two weeks since Richard Charles Newell underwent a heart transplant operation at Harbor General Hospital and doctors report that he's making satisfactory progress.

The 58-year-old Oxnard grocer is able to sit up and eat solid food, although his condition is still termed "guarded." He will remain at the hospital for the foreseeable future, doctors said.

Newell received his new heart Feb. 29, becoming Southern California's first heart transplant patient. Heart donor was Mrs. Shirley Ann Highhouse, 23, of Torrance, who took her own life after quarreling with her husband.



WELCOME HOME . . . Mrs. Bill Bryant, wife of a TRW Systems Group public relations executive, greets Larry Grange of Torrance with a kiss on his arrival from Cleveland. Grange spent four days in the Ohio city as part of a television game show stunt and left this morning for Mexico City for the second part of the four-week contest. A brass band greeted him on his arrival in Cleveland as a goodwill ambassador from Torrance and he became a celebrity overnight. (Press-Herald Photo)

Overdose Blamed In Youth's Death

An overdose of heroin has been tentatively blamed for the death of a 20-year-old Inglewood youth.

The body of Robert Lee Montoya was found in the restroom of a service station at 1880 Carson St., when an attendant arrived at 6 a.m. to open the station for business. Police said narcotic injection paraphernalia

were found on top of the commode. There were needle tracks on Montoya's inner arms, police noted.

The victim, who lived at 4041 Century Blvd., Inglewood, worked as a delivery boy. His last known place of employment was A & G Auto Parts, Redondo Beach.

In attempting to identify the body, officers found that Montoya had an arrest record dating back to 1962, which included three arrests in 1967 for possession of marijuana and an arrest in 1968 for possession of dangerous drugs.

Montoya would have been 21 March 27.

Scouts Plan Arbor Day Festivities

Arbor Day, nationally recognized as a day of tree planting and other beautification programs, will once again be celebrated in Torrance on Saturday with the planting of trees at selected city parks.

The program is annually sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department with Girl Scout Troops from all over Torrance taking part in the ceremonies.

First Aid Class Set

A four-week course in Basic Red Cross first aid will be offered by Torrance Adult Education beginning Monday.

The class will meet Monday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Torrance High School.

Career Day Program Set For Elementary Students

"Tomorrowland-Today" will be the theme of a career day for eighth graders to be held Tuesday at Magruder Elementary School.

Representatives of 15 professions will address 216 youngsters from five elementary schools during the four-hour session.

Magruder school will host eighth-graders from Madison, Perry, Edison, and Yukon schools.

Purpose of the event is to increase the students' knowledge of professions in which they might be interested before they begin planning their high school programs, according to Mrs. Elaine King of Magruder and James Blue of North High, who are jointly coordinating the program.

PROFESSIONS which will be represented by speakers include: modeling, airline stewardess, armed forces, math and science, data processing, telephone occupations, restaurant

work, trades, professional sports, cosmetology, teaching, librarian work, secretarial employment, police work, and medicine.

Students will attend three one-hour sessions in their fields of interest preceding a luncheon meeting. Luncheon speaker will be Dr. Herman Ohme, principal of North High School.

Assisting Mrs. King and Blue in arranging the program are: Barbara Jemming, student chairman; Mardha Aseka, student secretary; and C. R. Wallner, principal of Magruder School.

CAREER speakers and their topics include: Dr. Ted Elgreen Jr., coordinator of industry and technology at El Camino College, trades; Mrs. June Baggett, secretary for the Torrance Unified School District, secretarial work; Mrs. Rita Baglio, State Employment Office, food services.

Others will be: Mrs. Anna Dean, Pacific Telephone Com-

pany, telephone careers; Mrs. Doris Schier, North High School librarian, librarians; Richard Beattie, Torrance Unified School District data processing director, data processing.

ALSO, Mrs. Doris Corsier and Mrs. Lynn Shidler of Torrance Unified School District, teaching; Dr. Howard Wood, medicine; Sgt. Robert Armstrong of the Torrance Police Department, police work; Board of Education President Dr. Owen Griffith, Northrop Nortronics, Palos Verdes Peninsula, math and science.

Discussing the armed forces will be Station Commander Rodney Kamlya of the U.S. Army Recruiting Office and Petty Officer 2/C Bill Leonard of the U.S. Navy Recruiting Office.

Rounding out the program will be Mrs. Deanna Nietz of El Camino College, airline hostessing; G. J. Moura of the DeLorm School of Cosmetology, cosmetology; and Dick Halway of the Los Angeles Stars, professional sports.